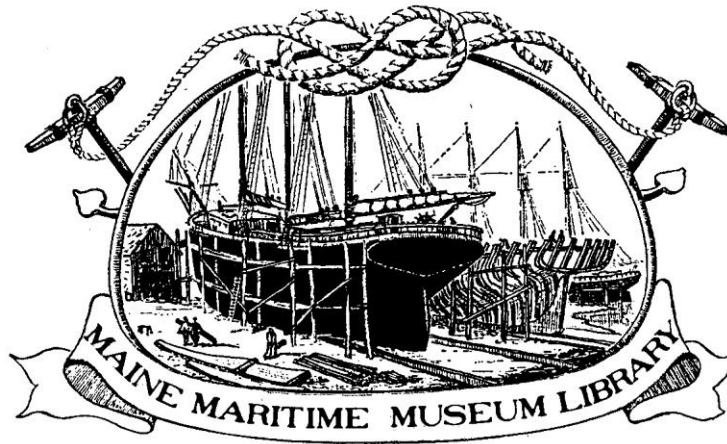


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Drummond Family Papers

**1799-1846
Bulk: 1803-1818**

by
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½ box
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Abstract

Drummond Family

Alexander Drummond (1767-1833)

Papers, 1799-1846

Bulk: 1803-1818

½ box

Shipbuilding and seafaring family from Phippsburg, Maine

This collection contains accounts, bills, logbooks, and related documents from the Drummond family of Phippsburg (formerly Georgetown), Maine, in the early nineteenth century. It covers the family's maritime business, including shipbuilding, outfitting, commanding, and managing vessels in the coasting and transatlantic trades. It also contains accounts from the family's store, receipts for building a house, and accounts with the town. The bulk of the material is from Alexander Drummond (1767-1833) and his brothers Patrick (1763-1825), James (1765-1820), and John (1769-1806).

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Finding aid (folder level control) in repository.

Added entries—persons:

Drummond, Alexander (1736-1820)
Drummond, Alexander (Jr.) (1767-1833)
Drummond, Elijah (1780- ?)
Drummond, James (1765-1820)
Drummond, John (1769-1806)
Drummond, Patrick (1763-1825)
McCobb, Rachel
Reed, Samuel Denny

Added entries—corporate bodies (including vessels):

Caledonia (brig)
Georgetown (schooner)
Hill and Drummond (schooner)
Hill & McCobb
Hiram (schooner)
John Marshall (brig)
Leander (ship)
Mary and Frances (schooner)
Polly (brig)
Ulysses (brig)

Added entries—key terms:

Accounts
Atlantic Ocean Region – Commerce
Coastwise shipping
Drummond family

Phippsburg (ME) – Houses
Schooners
Shipbuilding – Employees
Shipbuilding – Phippsburg, Maine
Ships – Equipment and supplies
Ships – Owners
Stores

Acquisition

The bulk of this collection was donated to the museum by the International Whaling and Marine Manuscript Archives in 1974. William F. Gemmill donated the remainder in 2017.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on this collection.

Physical Condition

The papers are mostly in good condition. Some are discolored, have torn edges, or are beginning to split along fold lines.

Related Materials

There are more papers from Alexander Drummond Jr. and his siblings in the small manuscripts collection, in folders SM 91/22 and SM 29/22. These overlap significantly with MS-30, and researchers would do well to consult all three collections. Another group of papers from this generation of the Drummond family is at Mystic Seaport Museum in Collection 190.

Maine Maritime Museum also has a substantial collection of material related to Captain James Drummond (1805-1882), Alexander Drummond's son. This includes manuscript material in SM 1/22, 49/7, 91/5, 162/07, and L-9. Objects include a speaking trumpet (81.11) and the contents of his writing desk (84.81.2).

Historical Note

The Drummonds were early settlers of the Kennebec region. They arrived in Georgetown (the part that would later become Phippsburg) in 1729. Multiple branches of the family lived in Phippsburg; this collection has material from Alexander Drummond (Jr.) (1767-1833), son of Alexander (1736-1820) and Jane Drummond, and his brothers Patrick (1763-1825), James (1765-1820), and John (1769-1806).

Alexander Drummond and his brothers were deeply involved in the maritime world. They were all master mariners who commanded a variety of small and large vessels between stints ashore. They also owned or co-owned multiple vessels which operated in the local coasting, Caribbean, and transatlantic trades. Ashore, Patrick and Alexander contracted to build ships in a small shipyard next to their wharf in Phippsburg. They also ran a dry goods store and a sawmill, and were active participants in town government.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains bills, accounts, partial logbooks, and other material related to the Drummond family's maritime, mercantile, and personal business in early nineteenth century Phippsburg (or Georgetown), Maine. Most of the documents are from Alexander Drummond (Jr.). A minority come from his brothers and son.

Documents related to Drummond family shipping interests cover everything from coasting schooners to ships in the transatlantic trade. They include receipts for construction and outfitting vessels that the family built and owned, cargo accounts for vessels they had interests in, and partial logbooks for vessels they captained. The collection therefore provides a broad record of the Drummonds' maritime activities, although records for individual vessels are fragmentary.

The Drummond family business ashore is also well represented here. There are accounts for Alexander Drummond's retail store and business with local and distant merchants, as well as personal accounts for the family. A subset of bills addressed to Patrick and Alexander Drummond details the construction of a house for their father, Alexander Drummond (Sr.). Extensive accounts that Alexander Drummond kept with the town of Phippsburg and the local parish catalog the family's civic engagement. Finally, there is a quitclaim deed consigning land in Bath to Alexander's son, James.

Box and Folder List

Box	Folder	
1	1	Alexander Drummond (Jr.), papers, 1799 – July, 1808
	2	Alexander Drummond (Jr.), papers, August, 1808 – 1818 and undated
	3	Patrick & Alexander Drummond, papers, 1809-1815
	4	John Drummond, Patrick Drummond, and Elijah Drummond, papers, 1799-1810
	5	<i>Ulysses</i> (brig), papers and accounts, 1803
	6	<i>Mary and Frances</i> (schooner), accounts, 1810
	7	<i>Caledonia</i> (brig), <i>Hiram</i> (schooner), <i>Hill & Drummond</i> (schooner), and <i>John Marshall</i> (brig), accounts, 1800-1831
	8	Partial logbook, <i>Polly</i> (brig), <i>Georgetown</i> (schooner), and <i>Leander</i> (ship), Captain John Drummond, 1801-1812
	9	Account book, Alexander Drummond (Jr.) with the <i>Leander</i> (ship) and Town of Phippsburg, 1807-1834
	10	Town and parish papers, 1806-1825
	11	Store purchase orders, June and August 1818
	12	James Drummond, quitclaim deed, 1846